

Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation Investment Strategies Committee

Final Meeting Summary

January 14, 1999

Present: Dale Stedman, Chair, Bill Lampson, Vice Chair, Don Briscoe, Senator Mary Margaret Haugen, Peter Hurley, Bettie Ingham, Arthur Jackson, Jr., Jennifer Joly, John Kelly, Representative Maryann Mitchell, Charles Mott, Patricia Otley

Absent: R. Ted Bottiger

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. He reviewed the minutes from the December 14th meeting and asked for any proposed revisions. The Committee approved the minutes from the previous meeting as presented.

Meeting Schedule for 1999

The Committee reviewed the proposed calendar for its 1999 meeting schedule. Members expressed their preference for holding meetings in the Sea-Tac area.

Charter Amendment

The Committee discussed a proposed change to Item 3 in its Charter. The charter was amended to read as follows:

Review, evaluate, and recommend state, regional, and local planning and programming practices applicable to transportation investments.

The Chair planned to present the revised Committee Charter to the full Commission for approval in the afternoon session.

1999 Work Plan Development

The Committee reviewed its draft work plan and agreed to the following revisions:

- Add an additional problem statement: *Lack of integration of transportation and land use plans between state and local plans, which leads to investment conflicts.*

- To emphasize the importance of considering safety in all proposed projects, add a sixth criteria for evaluating proposed solutions: *Maintain or enhance safety.*
- Add the following potential solution to the “‘Needs’ Exceed Funding” problem: *Identify low-cost system efficiencies within a corridor.* This potential solution would develop new approaches to corridor planning to make sure jurisdictional barriers and funding practices do not prevent efficient investments such as signal prioritization and system management programs to decrease congestion.
- Adding the following potential supply-side solution to the “Congestion” problem: *Improved connectivity of modes.*
- Revise the fourth potential solution to “Economic Development” to read as follows: *Recognize need for geographic equity in collection and distribution of funds.*

WSDOT’s 20-Year Plan

Greg Selstead and Daniela Bremmer-Washington from the Washington State Department of Transportation presented a description of the current process to update WSDOT’s 20-year plan. WSDOT’s planning process will run concurrently with the work of the Blue Ribbon Commission. Committee members and WSDOT staff discussed opportunities for coordinating efforts to avoid duplication and avoiding confusing the public with competing plans.

Congestion Debate Briefing

Daniel Malarkey from ECONorthwest briefly presented a context for the debate on congestion. He also distributed the book *Stuck in Traffic* by Anthony Downs and asked Committee members to read Part 5 (Conclusions) before the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.